

# Technology axed; \$1.1 million trimmed from budget

By TRACI TODD  
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The Board of Regents voted to cut \$1.1 million from the University budget at their meeting March 5. Among the cuts, which will be implemented over the next three years, was the elimination of the technology department.

The Regents decision came after a two-day meeting in which they heard faculty recommendations and discussed the proposed budget cuts made by University President Dean Hubbard.

The recommendations came from six weeks of meetings involving administration, Faculty Senate Budget and Development Planning Committee, Reduction in Force Committee, the Support Staff Council and Student Senate.

The decision to eliminate the technology department was made after Dr. Bruce Parmelee, associate professor of technology, Dr. Herman Collins, professor of technology, and Aaron Smith, freshman technology student, addressed the board, each voicing their concerns.

"There is a problem from the perception of what we're about," Collins said. He also said there is not a comparison between Northwest's technology department and the Northwest Area Vocational Technical School.

"They have a vocational program that trains for industry specific jobs," he said. "We train an educated person, as Dr. Hubbard said, to go out and be employable in industry...not for a specific job function."

Along with the elimination of technology, the board also decided not to fill positions created by retirements or

vacancies; to reduce faculty in the computer science department as well as the economics department; to reduce the special appointments budget; to eliminate the agriculture mechanization program; and to eliminate a number of non-instructional appointments, including the assistant to the vice president of Academic Affairs and an office of Finance position.

The board also decided to delete the masters of science degree in teaching home economics and the master of science degree in teaching speech/theater.



University President  
Dean Hubbard

"From here I like to think the University can go on, that we can begin the healing process and I think that's what we need to do," Edward Douglas, Board president, said.

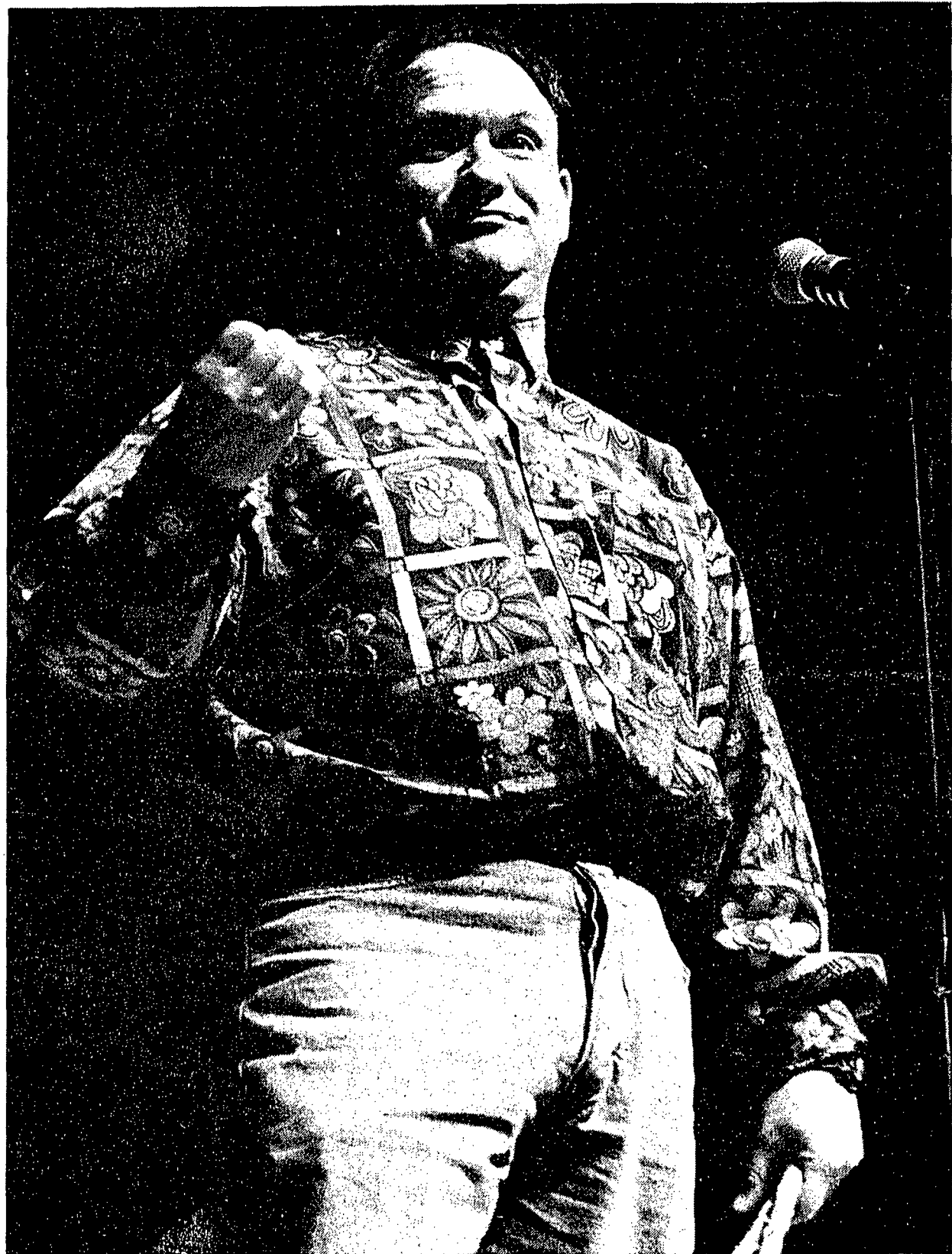
Over \$181,000 was reduced from Hubbard's proposed cuts when he announced modifications at the meeting on March 4.

Retained was the foreign language position, the sociology program, the director for the Counseling Center and the current Campus Safety personnel level.

Also withdrawn was the proposal to drop several degrees including a masters of science degree in biology.

The board's agenda included the approval of promotions, extensions of educational leave, the 1993-94

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Comedian David Naster performs Wednesday, March 18, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The event was sponsored by Campus Activity Programmers. Scott Jenson/Contributing Photographer

## Naster hits variety of topics

'Most sought-after performer' displays talents including gargling classic tune

By ROGER HUGHLETT  
Missourian Staff

David Naster's comedy came through just like the U.S. Postal Service. Despite snow and slush brought on by the varying moods of March, Naster entertained Northwest students 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The show was sponsored by Campus Activity Programmers.

Naster is a morning disc jockey on the Kansas City classic rock radio station KCFX-The Fox, as well as being one of the nation's hottest comedians on college campuses.

He has appeared on the Arts and Entertainment cable television station. He can also be seen on the upcoming MTV Best of the Half Hour Comedy Hour.

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David Naster  
comedian

Starting 20 minutes late, Naster said the weather held him up on the highway. Although he may have lacked punctuality, the reaction of the crowd suggested nothing was lacking when it came to his comedy.

"So," Naster said as he walked onto the stage, "What do you do around here besides drink?" The crowd sat in silence.

Naster exploded in laughter. The crowd followed his laughing lead.

Naster threw almost every topic around the stage in his show. He hit on country bars. "I like going to country bars," Naster said.

"It makes me feel smart." Country music was not the only style of music he discussed.

He hit classical, rap, top-40 and most television themes known to man. He even took a few jabs at his own radio station's music - classic rock.

Naster plays the drums among his other talents. Standing on stage with a microphone stand in front of him and two blue drum sticks, he performed a reggae rendition of "Mary Had A Little Lamb" for the crowd.

Naster also, with a mouth full of what he called "the funkier water he had ever had," gargled the "1812 Overture" for the crowd.

He pursued audience participation throughout his show. He confronted a couple about marriage. He confronted a male student in the front row about "farting." He confronted a female a few rows back on the same topic. Both drew screams of laughter from the audience.

Naster performs over 100 concerts each year. He was named the 1990 College Comedy Artist of the Year. Variety magazine called him "the most sought-after performer on college campuses today."

He has headlined at The Improvisation in Los Angeles and Caroline's in New York City.

Naster has appeared with George Burns, Yakov Smirnov and Count Basie. He has appeared on HBO, Showtime and the USA television network as well.

## Congressman Coleman unveils middle-income financial plans

By DEVEN WOOLFOLK  
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Tom Coleman, a senior member of the House Education and Labor Committee, recently unveiled a bill which would help students gain financial aid for higher education. A meeting was held at Northwest Monday, March 16, to introduce the bill.

"It is a bill that would expand the opportunities for middle-income families in higher education programs," Coleman said.

According to Coleman, the bill will change the standards by which students are eligible.

"Right now...when you fill out your form, you are asked the value of your home, you are asked the value of your farm if you come from a farm or if you have any assets that are tied up in a small business," he said. "These are all questions that are asked of you that ultimately go into the decision whether or not you are eligible for pell grants or student loans."

Coleman said the new bill would not be affected by the amount of home equity a family has.

"If you have a family car we don't expect you to sell it just to go to school," Coleman said. "I think that is how we are helping middle-income families."

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Missouri Congressman Tom Coleman held a news conference at Northwest Monday, March 16, to discuss a proposed bill which would create loans for middle-class college students. Don Carrick/Photo Director

## CAPs activity makes students laugh

By JODI PULS  
Missourian Staff

If students could keep a straight face, they had a chance to win \$25 and a t-shirt at "We Can Make You Laugh," which was presented by Campus Activity Programmers Tuesday, March 17, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Of the five students selected to be contestants, two won \$25.

"It was funny," senior Tammy Sears, winning contestant, said. "I had a good time, and I won \$25."

According to CAPs adviser Dave Gieseke, CAPs was looking for something different.

"It is a different approach to comedy that we haven't done in awhile,"

Gieseke said. "It gets the audience involved, and it is another way for CAPs to offer a new and different event."

The show was divided into two segments including stand up and a game show. Three comedians performed stand up comedy. They were Rex Boyd, Pervis Powell and Franko, the manager of the trio.

Powell, who taught for 11 years before becoming a comedian, enjoys what he does now.

"I love to have fun," Powell said. "Doing stand up lowers my stress level, so I am a much happier person."

All three comedians included audience participation in their acts.

"Audience participation is great,"

Boyd said. "That is what stand up is all about; otherwise, I'd end up doing the same thing every night."

According to Franko, audience participation can be good or bad.

"It gives you a chance to go out on that branch of failure and if you make it you fly and if you don't, you fall like a rock," he said.

The "We Can Make You Laugh" comedy act, which tours college campuses, started seven years ago, but changes comedians frequently. Because they work on college campuses, the comedians are contracted to keep their acts free of profanity and include clean material. According to Franko, that makes it harder to make

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Pervis Powell performs his stand-up comedy routine during the "We Can Make You Laugh" tour Tuesday, March 17, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Jon Britton/Assistant Photo Director

## OUR VIEW

## University must move on

Now that we know the technology department has been eliminated, the question of where the students and faculty will go has been raised.

The size of the department was one of the reasons for the termination. Seven faculty and 99 students does not seem to be small when you really stop and think about it.

However, University President Dean Hubbard has already discussed the possibility of faculty raises, their first in two years, to increase the degree of quality of the University. Even though it may be difficult for faculty to take a raise considering where the money came from, keep in mind Hubbard's goal is to increase the quality of education at Northwest and this is certainly the place to start.

Although 99 students lost their department, Hubbard has also said the University will see those students through to the completion of their degrees.

Yes, 106 people have lost their department but the rest of Northwest, the students, faculty, staff and administration will be able to grow.

The faculty will have to relocate, so a large time frame has been given. The department will be completely closed out as of June 1993.

The rumor of the elimination came about in November. The faculty has had time to consider the implications of what would happen and where they would go. The same goes for the students. It may be difficult and expensive to relocate, but if they truly want an education, they will.

Another one of the reasons for the elimination of the department was because of the hard economic times ahead, due to shrinking state funds and the fact Missouri colleges and universities are now paying for the desegregation of Kansas City and St. Louis schools.

Could the reductions have come from somewhere else? Was every possible avenue researched? An associate professor of technology said he thought there was "almost a vindictive vendetta" against the department.

If that is true, then why did Hubbard ask for recommendations from all faculty, staff and administrators and why did he have meetings with every college to discuss possible options and hear other opinions?

Board of Regents President Edward Douglas said it best when he said the University can begin the healing process and go on. That is exactly what we have to do.

## What, Me Worry?



## CAMPUS VOICE

## Is castration suitable punishment for sex offenders?

"Since they ruined the victim's life by their assault, their life should be ruined, too."  
—Shaleen Roth, sophomore



"I don't see how it will affect their mental attitude, although going to jail wouldn't help that either. I think they should either be confined to a mental institution or serve jail time with some counseling."  
—Chris Richards, junior



"Yes. If they're going to hurt someone in that way, then this won't allow them to ever do it again."  
—Jean Dollard, sophomore



"It sounds like a good policy. They should be castrated and jailed. Rape is a sick crime."  
—Tom Vieregger, freshman



## Letters to the Editor

## Racism still exists

Dear Editor,

Are we stuck living in a racist society? Will America ever live up to the true meaning of "All Men Are Created Equal?" Will we ever be totally "integrated?" Many of these questions will have various answers, some optimistic and some pessimistic. What's really going to happen to our country? I firmly believe that we are all racists to a certain extent for the simple fact that we are proud of who we are, the difference is how far we take it. Do we have to hinder the progress of others and put them down just because we are proud of our race? To put it in other words, we have this natural instinct to look out for our own, or those who are like us. For example, if there was a white student attending a predominantly black institution and in class there was only one other white student, he or she would probably sit next to or find an attachment to that person without knowing that person or any of the black students.

It is a fact we live in a country that has taught time after time that blacks are inferior. This is recorded history and was once upon a time the law. As of today laws have changed, but people who were raised 30 or 40 years ago may still hold true to the ideas of black inferiority. These people may not be evil at heart and may not even be prejudiced, but these were the values they were brought up on and was simply a way of life. The problem, even in 1992, is from generation to generation these values and beliefs somehow filter into "our" generations. These people simply become "products of their environment," and this is why racism will continue to exist on the part of both blacks and whites.

I cannot account for the number of people who still have these inferior/superior complexes, but I do feel sorry for them for the simple fact their life learning will be limited and they are just aggravating an already aggravated issue. When people belong to a particular organization, they must realize they are in the eyes of the public and they act as representatives of that organization. Whether they like it or not their actions, conduct and beliefs will have a direct effect on their organization and people will perceive these characteristics to be apparent in the entire group. Another fact is women and blacks are gaining positions of power and authority that were once dominated by white men. Many white men today have a problem accepting and acknowledging blacks in authority positions and some are even more resistant to this change and would prefer not to let go of their power.

My next question is what does integration mean in America? Does it mean that blacks will be accepted on their own terms? Where and when do we attack the problem of racism and hatred? We could try to teach ethics and values in our educational system but that is not where it starts.

Parents have to decide how they want to groom their children and how they want them to interact with other human beings. Every race of people will have their "problem individuals," but should we teach hatred among an entire race? We need to stop stereotyping others because not all blacks are gang members and "drive-by shooters" and not all whites are prejudiced and Klan members!

If we recall our history, blacks in America have lived in a system of 400 years of slavery and 70 years of "Jim Crow." This system taught blacks that they were inferior. Even today, we still have some who act inferior. I'm not making excuses because blacks are in better positions where they can change this inferior image and overcome the factors that may work against them. But if we don't take into account the struggle that blacks and their forefathers were involuntarily placed in, then we become ignorant to the true facts. Many of us aren't taught the true facts because those who make decisions on what should be learned don't feel those things to be important, probably because it doesn't apply to them. That's why many people don't know of the significant contributions that blacks have made in this country. I could name many!

I see that America is still struggling, but a wise man once said, "There is no progress without struggle." The question is, how long will we continue to struggle, and how much will we progress? I'm not here to change anyone's personality or convictions, but I do hope that we all open our eyes to something to think about!

Dervon Cortez Nash, Alpha Phi Alpha

## The Stroller Your Man experiences bizarre Break

No, it was not your typical Spring Break, my friends.

I would even wager to say that no human being in the world has had a Spring Break even remotely similar to mine. Your Man's not saying he had a bad time, nor even a boring time...but definitely a bit on the bizarre side.

OK, it all started leaving Maryville. Your World Traveler had his VW Bug packed to the hilt, full cooler included, when he pulled up to the local gas 'n' go. I'm out pumping petro into the tank, humming a little tune, when this dude walks over to me and asks if I had a dime he could borrow.

Being my altruistic self, I of course handed over a quarter and told him to keep the change. I figured, hey, I'm about to ship myself out of this pathetic, er, great town, the least I can do is give this guy some loose change.

But it didn't stop there. Seeing my loaded wallet he proceeded to ask for a dollar, then five, etc...What the hell?!? Even I have my limits, so I finally put my foot down and said "Uh, I don't think so." Then guilt overcame me. I wondered if he needed that money to start some worthy charity or maybe there was a sale on Mil's Best at the new Food 4 Less. Either way it was a worthy cause, so I gave him a 20. I felt a brotherhood form

with that man. Funny how beer does that to you.

Anyway, after a horrendous 19-hour drive to the border of our continent, Your Man was a bit tuckered out. I was supposed to meet some friends at a motel and then head to the bars (naturally). But they were nowhere to be found. Panic-stricken, immediately I called 911. Wouldn't you?

After hours of searching the scrungey parts of the city, the cops finally found them hooping it up at "Lilly's Luau."

Turns out they had been kidnapped by a drug king from Cuba who had never been on a Spring Break himself, and just wanted to see it through an American's eyes. Believe it or not,

it's your choice, but I'm telling you, it really happened.

So after a small bribe to the officers on the case (another \$20), we take Ricky Ricardo out on the town. It was incredible, to say the least. He was not a tight one with the cash flow, so the "spirits" were a plenty.

So now you have a small account of Your Man's Spring Break, undetailed as it may be. Oh, the Cuban guy? Unfortunately we had to turn him in to the authorities when we saw him jaywalking, so he's doing some hard time in the state pen. And that guy at the gas 'n' hop 'n' save 'n' go? He invested my \$20 in a new video game and has multiplied it 100 times since last week. Go figure.

Anyway, welcome back!

## Strict gun control needed

It may be one of the most volatile issues facing America. The argument over gun control reaches all the way back to the roots of our nation.

Gun control is not a new issue. In fact, our founding fathers put the "right to bear arms" into the Constitution as the Second Amendment. But a line must be drawn. There is a difference between owning a weapon for the sport of hunting and owning a gun with the intent to kill.

Today, the National Rifle Association has celebrities appearing in ads to support the NRA. Any card-carrying NRA member will argue for the right to own guns—and mention of stricter regulations will cause a stir.

But without stricter regulations the United States will continue spiraling into bloody circles of violence and death. The restrictions are needed for gun acquisition, and for which types of guns Americans can lawfully own. That hunters do not need an AK-47 to go deer hunting is accepted, but to some, mandatory waiting periods to purchase guns while the applicant is "checked out" are unacceptable.

One example of a lack of gun control was John Hinckley's 1981 assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. Reagan recovered, but his press secretary, James Brady, suffered permanent brain damage. Brady, and his wife, Sarah, have become staunch supporters of stricter gun control regulations.

Last week in Chicago, alarmed parents learned an elementary school student had brought a gun to school

## A Closer Look

MARSHA HOFFMAN

and shot a classmate. Thanks in part to gangs, age is not a factor for children to get their hands on weapons.

Some precautions such as waiting periods may help reduce crime, but it cannot prevent it. Miya Rodolfo-Siason recently returned to her home in Iowa City, Iowa, after three months of rehabilitation in Chicago. She was the lone survivor of disgruntled student Gang Lu's shooting spree at the University of Iowa in which six people, including Lu, died. Lu legally purchased the .38-caliber gun he used.

In addition, statistics show most guns purchased for "protection" are ultimately used on a family member or friend, not an intruder. Or, children find the gun and shoot themselves or friends accidentally. The power and the curiosity is just too great for many to withstand.

Where will it end? Or will it? It may be the inalienable right of every American to bear arms, but there must be stricter regulations for mandatory waiting periods nationwide. Crime is out of control. By allowing time for mandatory checks, the government is protecting gun owners and those the owner means to protect.

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## NEWS SHORTS

### UNIVERSITY

**Faculty presents programs:** Three members of the speech communication faculty recently presented programs at the International Listening Association Conference in Seattle, Wash.

Bayo Oludaja, assistant professor, presented a program on "Listening to Non-verbal Cues Across Cultures" in which he described aural and visual cues common among African, Mid-Eastern and American cultures.

Lori Sherlock Macias, instructor, discussed a program on training non-native speaking American English persons in the nuances of general American English dialect.

Dr. Bob Bohlken, professor, delivered a paper on "Avoiding Sin in Assessing Listening Competency" in which he explained common problems with theoretical argument, multi-purpose, undetermined perspectives and multi-focus instruments.

**'Encore' to have international debut:** "Encore for Jenny Lind," which features two Northwest professors will debut internationally this month in London, England.

Dr. Patricia Bowers Schultz, associate professor of music, and Dr. Charles Schultz, associate professor of theater, will perform the two-person show on Monday, March 23, at Imperial College in London. The show will be presented by International Enrichment.

This date was arranged because Dr. Charles Schultz is teaching this semester in London as part of the Missouri London Program.

The couple will be accompanied on the London show by Michael Mulwood, a graduate of the Royal College of Music.

**Art students honored:** Two art students have been honored by the state of Missouri.

The Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities has announced that Carolyn Fobes and Julie Johnson were both declared winners in a state-wide annual poster contest.

Fobes earned first place in the college division and her poster has been forwarded to the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities in Washington, D.C., as Missouri's entry in the national contest.

Fobes will receive a \$400 scholarship in recognition of her award.

Johnson received a second place in the college division and will receive a \$300 scholarship.

The students will receive their awards at the annual meeting of the Governor's Committee on April 1. They will be accompanied at the presentation by their instructor, Paul Falcone, assistant professor of art.

**Adams accepted for summer program:** Northwest Radio and Television News Directors Association member Laurel Adams, has been accepted for admissions to the 1992 Institute on Political Journalism at Georgetown University this summer.



Laurel Adams

She is one of 65 students selected to participate in the program sponsored by The Fund for American Studies. Along with attending classes, Adams will also intern with one of many available prestigious broadcast outlets. Admission to the Institute is highly competitive.

**Non-traditionals hold meeting:** The first General Assembly meeting for the Non-Traditional Organization will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in the Governor's Room of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

The main focus of the meeting is to establish the organization. It is open to everyone.

### MARYVILLE

**Delivery man involved in shooting:** A Domino's pizza delivery man was involved in a shooting and robbery that occurred early morning Friday, March 6.

The delivery man was apparently knocking on the door where he was to deliver a pizza, when he was jumped by three men with one taking the pizzas and getting away.

Steve Jameson, Northwest junior, and Eric Richardson, Albany, were two of the three involved.

The delivery man caught up with one of the men and a fight ensued. The delivery man pulled out a gun and hit his assailant over the head. The delivery man heard his car leaving, and fired six or seven rounds at the vehicle. Charges are pending. (Maryville Daily Forum)



With the return of warm weather, construction resumed on the commuter parking lot behind the Valk Building on the east side of campus. The Loch construction company won an award for the parking lot behind Hudson Hall, which they built last semester. Don Carrick/Photo Director

### OTHER CAMPUSES

**Vaccinations offered by university:** The University of Illinois is not taking chances after two students died last year of meningitis that resulted from a bacterial infection.

The Daily Illini reports about 18,000 students have received free vaccinations for the bacteria that can cause meningitis, an inflammation of the lining of the brain, or blood infections.

So far this year, five University of Illinois students and a student at neighboring Parkland College have been infected by the bacteria.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, people are at risk of picking up the bacteria if they have recently had a viral infection or if they have been living in crowded surroundings. (TMS)

**McGraw acquitted of rape charges:** A jury has acquitted the son of a former Philadelphia Phillies pitcher accused of raping a Temple University student last September.

Mark McGraw, 19, son of Tug McGraw, maintained in court that his accuser consented to sex after she invited him to her apartment.

According to the victim, she did invite McGraw to her apartment and did go to bed with him, but did not consent to sex. She told the jury she fell asleep, then was awakened to find her overalls pulled below her knees and McGraw on top of her.

After the "not guilty" verdict was read, the woman appeared on a local television station, her identity shielded, and said she was happy she took the case to court.

"He knows what happened in the bedroom and I know what happened in the bedroom..." she said. "I have great peace of mind knowing that it will be more difficult for him to do this to another woman."

McGraw told reporters outside he was ready to get on with his life and the trial should not have progressed as far as it did. He maintained he engaged in consensual sex with the 20-year-old, but claims he stopped when she told him to. (TMS)

### STATE

**Women recognized for achievements:** Women breaking the gender barrier in Kansas City government were recognized last week in the fourth annual Women Firsts Program at City Hall.

The mayor and City Council passed resolutions honoring women in jobs traditionally held by men. About 100 people attended a ceremony Wednesday, March 11.

In the last four years, 33 women have been recognized for their work in jobs ranging from mechanic to assistant city manager.

"It's enlightening," Gloria Harper, a clerical supervisor who helped organize the program this year, said. "It encourages women to do other things."

The honorees are Laverne Boudreaux, a painter; Carmen Douglas, auto mechanic; Delores Johnson, meter repairwoman; Janice Kelly, director of the Mayor's Office on Disabilities; and Jennifer Logan, enforcement supervisor of air quality. (Kansas City Star)

**New descriptions improve outlook of case:** The FBI released new sketches Saturday, March 14, that give a more detailed description of two men wanted for questioning in the killing of FBI Special Agent Stanley Ronquest Jr.

Authorities said they had not yet singled out any suspects. "We've focused the investigation to some extent, but I don't want to lead anyone to believe we've got any specific suspects at this time," FBI Special Agent Jeff Lanza said. (Kansas City Star)

### NATION

**Congressmen named in check bouncing scandal:** Former Rep. Tommy Robinson and Rep. Bob Mrazek, a New York Democrat, top the worst-abuser list of current and former U.S. House members who wrote bad checks at the members' bank.

A listing by The Associated Press of 21 of the 24 worst offenders also shows that Rep. William Clay, a Missouri Democrat, wrote 329 bad checks.

Robinson, who served three terms in the House as a Democrat before switching to the GOP in 1989 in an unsuccessful attempt to unseat Ark. Gov. Bill Clinton, wrote 996 bad checks. (Kansas City Star)

**Bush, Clinton win latest primaries:** President George Bush has a virtual lock on the Republican nomination with his latest primary wins in Illinois and Michigan. Bush is 16 for 16 in his contests with former political adviser Pat Buchanan. At the White House, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "the writing on the wall is clear, that George Bush is the nominee."

Ark. Gov. Bill Clinton is setting his sights on President Bush, after tapping the support of blue-collar and black voters to crush rivals former Mass. Sen. Paul Tsongas and former Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown in the Illinois and Michigan primaries. "Bush, Bush, Bush" is how one of Clinton's campaign managers describes Clinton's focus for upcoming primaries in Connecticut, Kansas, Wisconsin and New York. At a victory rally in Chicago, Clinton said the people "have voted for a change." (Associated Press)

**Pilots might nap during long flights:** The Federal Aviation Administration might let pilots take short naps during long flights.

A midnight nap, while a co-pilot takes over during a transoceanic flight, could refresh the pilot for landing after an otherwise tiring flight.

The agency has been exploring the idea since a NASA study two years ago suggested passengers would be safer if a pilot was alert when his skills were needed most - at landing. (Kansas City Star)

### WORLD

**Earthquake death toll rising in Turkey:** Trapped survivors cried out from under the rubble as rescuers struggled to reach them Saturday, March 13, and officials feared the death toll from an earthquake Friday, March 12, could climb into the thousands.

Another strong earthquake struck just two days later on Sunday, March 14.

The first quake killed as many as 800 people and left another 180,000 homeless.

Residents of the city of Erzincan wandered from one pile of rubble to another, calling the names of the missing. Turkish television showed a father weeping and crying out "Oh, my children!"

Friday's quake measured 6.8 on the Richter scale and Sunday's measured 6.

**Iraq will cooperate and dispose weapons:** Iraq intends to cooperate with the United Nations in destroying Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, but it will not repudiate its right to build such weapons later, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said.

Aziz, in an interview before returning to Iraq, also declined to give assurances that U.N. teams monitoring his country's activities and destroying its war-making capability could continue their work unimpeded. He said U.N. activities would be judged on a "case by case" basis. (Kansas City Star)

## EVENTS

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

IFC meeting  
Northwest Room, 4 p.m.

SMA meeting  
243 Colden Hall, 4 p.m.

Panhellenic Council meeting  
Stockman Room, 4:30 p.m.

Fellowship of the Tower  
Stockman Room, 5:30 p.m.

High School Band Invitational  
Charles Johnson, 7 p.m.

CAPs Film: "Father of the Bride"  
MLPAC, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

CAPs Film: "Father of the Bride"  
MLPAC, 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

C-Base Test  
228 Colden Hall, 8 a.m.

Tower Queen interviews  
Union, 8 a.m.

Monopoly Tournament  
Conference Center, 9 a.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Brass Choir concert  
MLPAC, 3 p.m.

Spring Barbecue  
Wesley Center, 6 p.m.

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

Bloodmobile  
Ballroom Lounge, 10 a.m.

PI Beta Alpha  
Governor's Room, 5:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Bloodmobile  
Ballroom Lounge, 11 a.m.

Sigma Society Activation  
Wesley Center, 5:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Conrad Muhammad Lecture  
Conference Center, 7 p.m.

Dr. Jim Elswert's Last Lecture  
Regents Room, 7:30 p.m.

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## *Jazz Ensemble tours Midwest in 5-state Spring Break trip*



According to Karl Sievers, direc-

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The group arrived back in Maryville on Saturday, March 14.

**By TRACY LYKINS**  
Associate Editor

He defined "southern" as states of the Confederacy from Virginia to Texas.

"For example, when you get into the ghetto areas, they

In terms of issues, Dewhurst said generally the Repub-

Dr. Robert Dewhirst  
assoc. prof. of government

The book states, "Partisanship may orient individuals in their political environment, but it may also distort their picture of reality."

**By YA-PING CHANG**  
Missourian Staff

"We hope it will go well. I hope we have good reponse from the community," Vaughn said.

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Professor of technology, Dr. Herman Collins speaks out on behalf of his department at the Regents meeting held Thursday, March 5, at the University Conference Center. At the meeting, the Board of Regents decided to cut the technology department. Don Carrick/Photo Director

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academic calendar as well as toughened admissions requirements regarding high school grades and core curriculum requirements.

Promotions for six faculty members were approved by the Board. The recommendations were also approved by the Faculty Advisory Committee on Rank as well as Hubbard and Dr. Robert Culbertson, vice president for Academic Affairs.

The promotions include Dr. Roy Leeper, who was promoted from associate professor of speech to full professor.

There were also four faculty members moved from the assistant professor rank to associate professor.

They include Dr. George Fero, educational administration; Dr. Ramesh Garimella, mathematics and statistics; Dr. Johanne Wynne, agriculture; and Dr. Ernest Woodruff, music.

Also promoted was Karl Sievers, from instructor to assistant professor of music.

Roger Von Holzen, instructor of computer science/information systems, and Judy Weishar, instructor of accounting and finance were granted extensions of educational leave.

Von Holzen plans to complete his doctorate in education in instructional technology.

Weishar is currently in the Ph.D. in accounting program at the University of Arkansas.

Verification for the 1993 fall semester is scheduled for Aug. 17-18 with classes starting

on Aug. 19. Final examinations will be held Dec. 13-17.

General registration and verification will be held Jan. 7, 1994, with classes starting Jan. 10. Final examinations will be held May 9-13, with spring commencement scheduled for May 14.

Missouri and non-resident freshmen entering the University in 1996 will face tougher admissions requirements. The incoming freshmen are required to have a 2.00 cumulative high school grade point average.

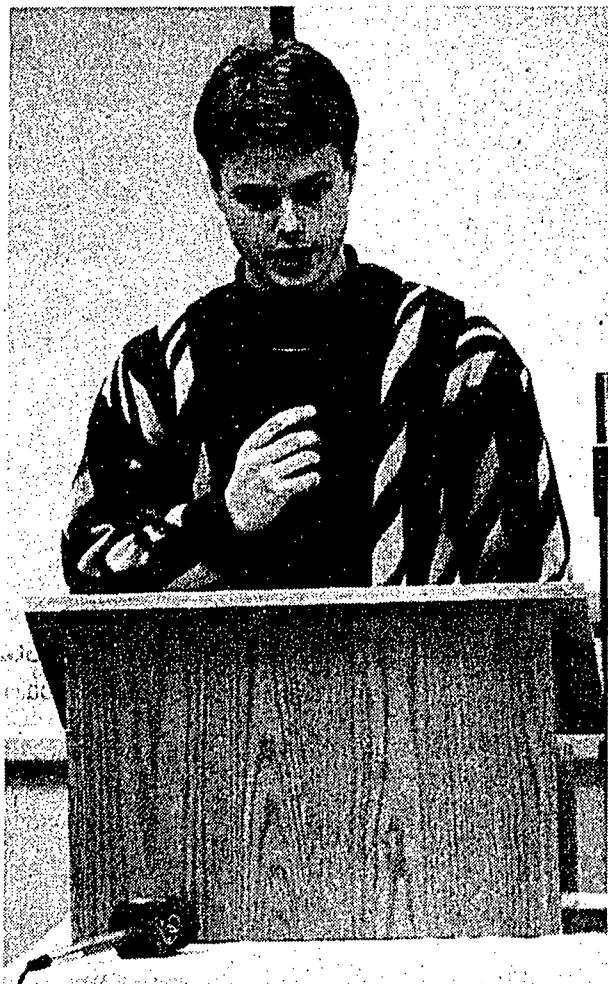
Missouri residents will also have to have a score of 20 or above on the Enhanced ACT Assessment test or be ranked in the upper two-thirds of their graduating class. For non-resident students, the requirement is a score of 21 on the Enhanced ACT Assessment test or in the upper half of their graduating class.

Students who are over age 22 who have not taken the ACT or the SAT may ask for a waiver.

Not only will incoming students face a tougher GPA and test score requirement, but must have finished 16 high school core courses.

These courses include four units of English, three units of math, three units of social studies, two units of science and four units of electives taken from two categories.

The policy also states students graduating from high school with a diploma prior to Fall 1986 will be exempt from the 16-unit core curriculum requirement provided they demonstrate a capability for success.



Freshman technology major Aaron Smith speaks to the Board of Regents. Don Carrick/Photo Director

## Muhammad to speak about reaching goals, significance of music

By JODI PULS  
Missourian Staff

Conrad Muhammad has been rescheduled to speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, in the University Conference Center. Muhammad is also a minister of New York City's Muhammad's Mosque Number Seven.

The National Student and Youth Representative of the Honorable Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam was scheduled to speak Feb. 25. But due to a schedule conflict, Conrad Muhammad was unable to be here for the Black History Month event.

"He is a very talented individual who stands firm behind political, social and spiritual beliefs," Ben Birchfield, Alliance of Black Collegians adviser, said. "He played a very significant role in the progress of youths in the black community as well as influence he has had on many ethnic groups in the United States."

According to Birchfield, Muhammad has been many places during his life.

"His mission has taken him from the tough and gritty streets of Harlem to the ivory towers of academia; from the White House where he attended meetings with black leaders and President Ronald Reagan in 1987 to crack houses where he worked to help addicts 'kick the habit,'" Birchfield said.

While at Northwest, Muhammad will speak about rap music, and the influence it has on different cultures, people's way of thinking and their attitudes. He will also address the fact that some people's values and beliefs

form around rap music.

According to Birchfield, many students, including white, black, Hispanic and Asian, listen to rap music and are not always sure of its message. Through his speech, Muhammad will explain the significance of rap music.

In 1989, Muhammad addressed 35,000 youths in New York City at a much celebrated Rappers Against

Racism

rally, according to Birchfield.

The event was attended by

rappers such as Big

Daddy Kane, Pub-

lic Enemy, Heavy D. & the Boyz and other rap artists.

"Music has a tendency to influence the way we think, our values and beliefs and has a tendency to influence the way we interact with each other," Birchfield said.

Muhammad spoke at Northwest

two years ago.

"His speeches are very inspirational as far as teaching us to help ourselves reach for goals, and then when we reach those goals, going back and helping others," ABC President Sharon Hardnett said.

Muhammad is a mentor for kids who have no direction.

"Muhammad's sole purpose is to better the lives of black youths, and all youths, and to give direction to the generation of giants that are the key to the future," Birchfield said.



Conrad Muhammad

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people laugh, but he enjoys the challenge.

"The show has to be clean, and I want the restrictions, because it makes me a stronger writer," Franko said. "When they are drunk, they laugh at anything, but being on campus, there is usually no alcohol, so you have a straight mind to work with, and you have to be clean so it makes it harder."

The second segment of the show was the game show segment. Audience members were selected at random to participate. Their goal was not to laugh as each of the three comedians performed two minutes of stand up.

Three faculty members served as

judges for the show, and buzzed the contestant for smiling, giggling or laughing. The timer was Linda Null, assistant professor of computer science. Dr. Richard Fulton, professor of government, and Dr. Bruce Liute, associate professor of English were the judges.

One contestant faced Boyd dressed in zebra-striped pants, a bright orange wig that resembled Rod Stewart's hair and spoke with a British accent. Another faced Powell in drag coming on to him.

Sears made it through without laughing, but does not know if she could do it again.

"I was trying not to think about what they were saying," Sears said. "I don't think I'd be able to do it again."

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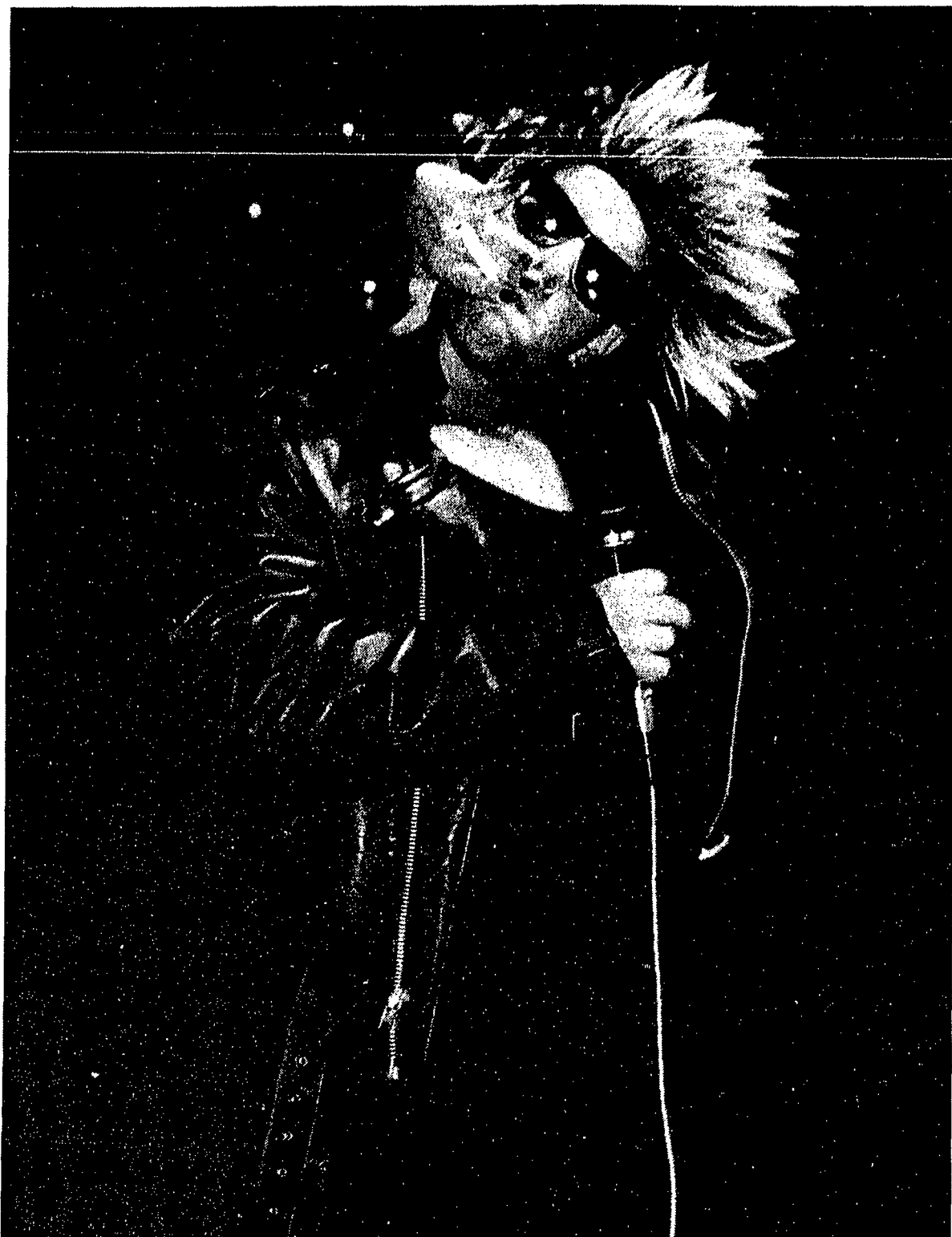
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## 'Dude looks like a lady'



"Andrea Dice Clay" performs her comedy routine for the talent portion of the SheMale contest held Thursday, March 5 in the Charles Johnson Theater. The contest was sponsored by the sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma. Don Carrick/Photo Director

## RHA to sponsor Monopoly contest

By T.J. JENKINS  
Missourian Staff

Monopoly is a game that allows you to be rich or poor. Now students can play Monopoly and have the chance to go to an international contest.

Residence Hall Association is sponsoring a Monopoly contest at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at the University Conference Center.

Anyone interested may sign up in the RHA office in the J.W. Jones Student Union until 9 a.m. Saturday. The entry fee is \$5. The contest is expected to go from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour break for lunch.

"I like to play Monopoly," freshman Dallas Timmermann said. "I thought it would be fun. I have a Monopoly computer game at home I play."

The Monopoly contest consists of three 90-minute rounds. Four people are placed at a Monopoly game board, and after 90 minutes the person with the most money wins that round and advances to round two. In round two,

the same thing takes place and the winners go on to round three. In round three the players with the most money finish first, second and third. All of the Monopoly boards are free from Parker Brothers. The official Monopoly rules will be used for the contest.

"This is a non-profit contest. The \$5 entry fee goes into the cash prizes," Renee Holdenried, program chairperson, said. "The first place winner gets a plaque and cash prize. Second and third place winners get a cash prize."

Some students said they play just for the fun of it.

"I signed up for the game because I liked playing it when I was a kid," senior Eric Stucki said. "I hope to get lucky. I just like to play with money. I am looking for a fun time."

Parker Brothers has held the contest for the last 25 years. This will be

the first time it has been held on campus.

"It takes a lot of time to set it up," Holdenried said. "We are going to start on it earlier next year now that we know what we are doing. Northwest was contacted by Parker Brothers and asked if we want to participate in the contest."

**"I hope to get lucky. I just like to play with money. I am looking for a fun time."**

Eric Stucki  
Monopoly contestant

The Monopoly contest is a possible way to meet other people from different countries.

"The winner from Northwest goes on to the state competition where they will have the chance to go on to the national level then on to the international level to play against

other countries...their scores are compared and the person with the highest score advances to the next level until they reach international, where they will play against the other countries to determine the winner," Holdenried said.

## Community Blood Center drive sponsored by Senate

By ROGER HUGHLETT  
Missourian Staff

There is no substitute for human blood, according to the Community Blood Center of Greater Kansas City. Students interested in donating blood will have an opportunity to do so from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, March 23, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the Ballroom Lounge of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Student Senate is sponsoring a bloodmobile on both days in conjunction with the Community Blood Center.

Students planning on donating blood should either sign up at one of the bloodmobile tables before donating or they can call the Student Senate

Office at extension 1218. The sign-up tables are currently set up in both the cafeteria and the Spanish Den. Thursday, March 19, is the final day to sign up for donating blood.

The Senate committee organizing the blood drive is the Student Affairs Committee. According to Jennifer Stanley, chairman, preparations for the blood drive are coming along well.

"Colleges can raise a lot of blood because of the amount of students," Stanley said. "The blood really helps a lot of people. By just giving a little bit, it makes a big difference."

Stanley said the goal for the blood drive is to accumulate 130 units of blood on Monday of the drive, and 100 units on Tuesday.

"Last semester we met our goals," Stanley said. "We should meet the

goals this time as well."

In the past, Northwest competed with Central Missouri State University to see which university raised more units of blood. Northwest won the competition last semester. The competition will not take place this semester, according to Stanley.

"The competition between the universities will not be taking place this time," Stanley said. "We will still be awarding traveling plaques to organizations donating the most blood. A winner will be chosen from the Greeks, dorms and independent organizations."

Donors must be over 17 years old, weigh more than 100 pounds and must have no history of heart disease, hepatitis or cancer, according to the Blood Center.

## Coleman

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According to Adam Seaman, Student Senate president, the bill would be beneficial to northwest Missouri.

"I think Representative Coleman said it best when he said farm equity would not be as large a factor," Seaman said.

According to Coleman, this loan program is a new one and it does have its faults.

"It is not as good as the guaranteed student loan program which the government pays the subsidy on and you don't have to pay anything back until you get out of college," he said. "This one here, there is no subsidy, but you do have a guaranteed loan by the government regardless of income."

Coleman said this bill will give

everybody access to financial aid.

"We are not going to take away \$1 of loans from those people who are currently eligible," Coleman said.

According to Coleman, there are schools which abuse the system.

"Schools have siphoned off money for programs that were not worth paying for," he said.

These schools cause problems for students who may need the financial aid, according to Coleman.

"They were your fly-by-night or low-quality schools. A lot of these are unfortunately trade schools who prey upon individuals who are really hurting financially and who really need the help and assistance," Coleman said.

The money these low-quality schools are taking will eventually be

costly to schools like Northwest.

"There have been few dollars come back to the places like Northwest and Missouri Western and other schools — the legitimate, good traditional schools," Coleman said.

According to Coleman, a review system is being set up to catch the schools which abuse the system.

The bill was introduced in the House Monday, March 16.

"We have agreed to the provisions and we go to the rules committee on Wednesday to determine how we are going to handle the bill on the floor," he said.

"We have worked out the very difficult parts that the President needs worked out," Coleman said. "It will go into effect in next year's academic year — academic year 1993."

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### BASEBALL

#### Games This Week

March 20 Augustana College  
March 21 Missouri Western  
March 22 Missouri Western

#### Games Last Week

March 7  
Neb.-Kearney 3, Northwest 2  
Neb.-Kearney 6, Northwest 0

March 8  
St. Cloud St. 3, Northwest 1  
Northwest 4, St. Cloud St. 3

March 11  
Regis 5, Northwest 2  
Northwest 4, Regis 2

March 12  
Northwest 7, Regis 2  
Mo. Southern 7, Northwest 4

March 13  
SW Baptist 15, Northwest 7  
SW Baptist 9, Northwest 8

March 15  
Northwest 3, Pittsburg 0  
Northwest 5, Pittsburg 4

March 16  
Northwest 6, Neb.-Omaha 5  
Neb.-Omaha 6, Northwest 1

### SOFTBALL

#### Games This Week

March 21 Winona St., Minn.  
March 22 Bemidji St., Minn.

### MEN'S TENNIS

#### Matches This Week

March 20 Nebraska-Kearney  
March 21 Missouri-St. Louis  
March 21 Bethany College, Kan.  
March 23 Nebraska Wesleyan

#### Matches Last Week

March 8  
Central Oklahoma 7, Northwest 0

March 9  
Oral Roberts 6, Northwest 0

March 12  
S. Ill.-Edwardsville 7, Northwest 1

March 13  
Northwest 5, Graceland 4

March 14  
Northwest 6, Missouri 3

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

#### Matches This Week

March 19 Southwest Minn.  
March 20 Nebraska-Kearney  
March 21 Missouri-St. Louis  
March 23 Nebraska Wesleyan

#### Matches Last Week

March 8  
Northwest 5, Central Okla. 4

March 9  
Northwest 6, Oral Roberts 3  
Northwest 7, Tulsa Univ. 2

March 12  
Northwest 6, S. Ill.-Edwardsville 2

March 13  
Northwest 9, Mo.-St. Louis 0

March 14  
Creighton 7, Northwest 2

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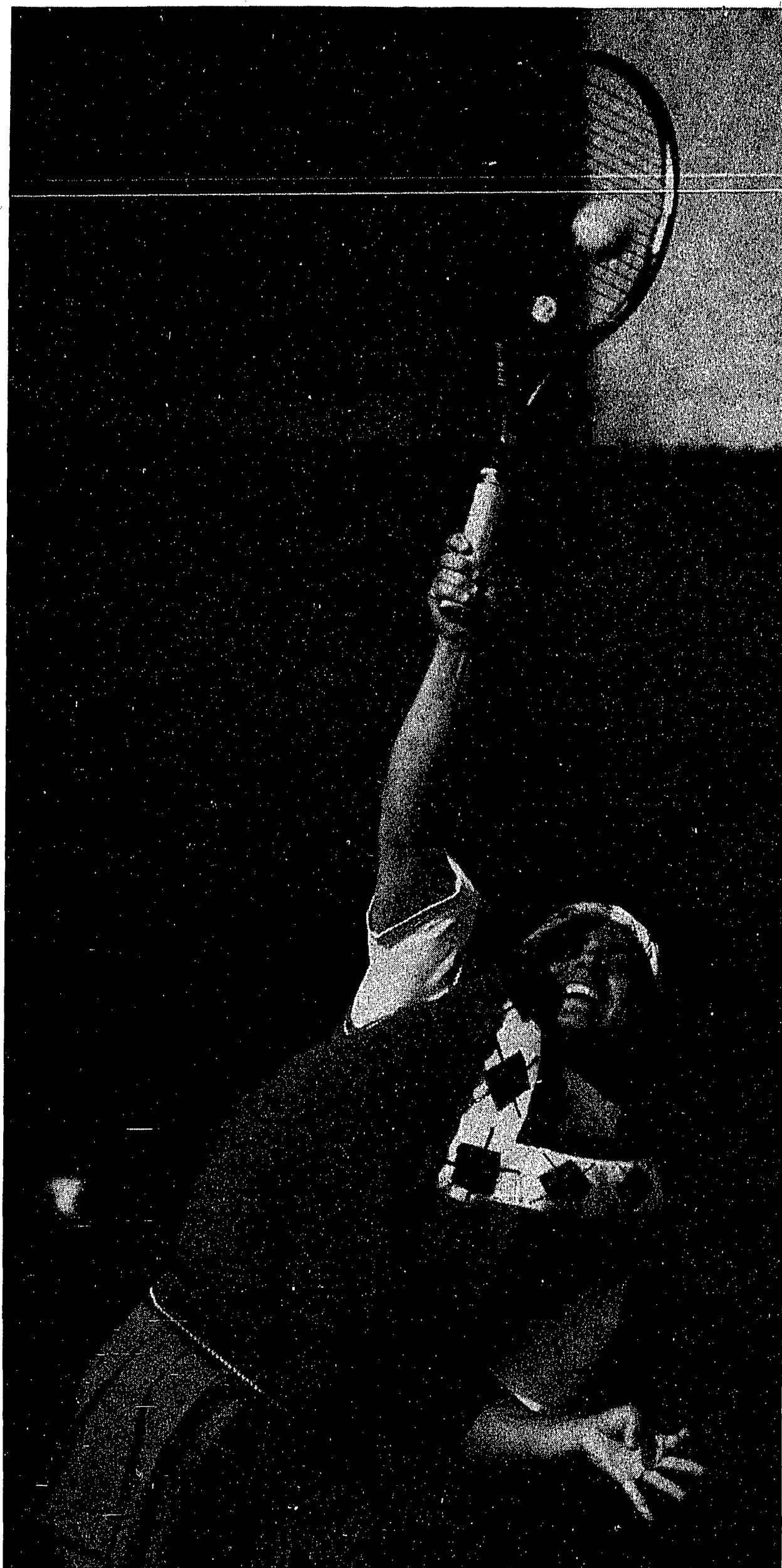
### JULIE CALLAHAN

Position: No. 1 Singles  
No. 1 Doubles

Class: Senior  
Major: Psychology  
Hometown: Fremont, Neb.  
High School: Fremont Senior High

Callahan's No. 1 singles match was her first since 1990, as she missed the 1991 season due to an injury. She defeated Central Oklahoma's Amy Cohlman in straight sets. Cohlman was ranked 14th in the NCAA Division II preseason. Callahan is ranked 8th in the Midwest Region.

"I think we can make it to Nationals," Callahan said. "I've made it once before and I think I can do it again."



Reaching skyward, Julie Caputo smashes the ball back to her Creighton University opponent in doubles play Monday, March 16. Caputo and her partner, Julie Callahan, lost the match. Don Carrick/Photo Director

## 'Cats pull off win over UNO

Senior first baseman Dave Svehla hit a home run to lead off the seventh inning, to break a 5-5 tie and give the 'Cats a 6-5 victory in game one of a doubleheader against the University of Nebraska-Omaha Monday, March 16. Northwest is now 8-10 for the season.

In the second game against UNO, the 'Cats managed 12 hits but left nine runners on base and dropped the game 5-5.

The Bearcat baseball team returned home from their Spring Break road trip to sweep a doubleheader from the Pittsburg State University Gorillas on Sunday, March 15, at Bearcat Field.

In the first game against the Gorillas, senior second baseman Rick Barthol scored the first run for the 'Cats in the second inning on a de-

layed double steal, with senior shortstop Jody Jeffries stealing second. Barthol figured in the Northwest scoring again in the sixth when his RBI single scored junior outfielder Rob Lamke, and sent senior third baseman Bryan Wandrey to third. Wandrey then stole home to provide the 3-0 margin of victory.

Lamke said Barthol is leading the team in stolen bases because of his style of play.

"Rick Barthol is a real aggressive ballplayer and that leads to a high stolen base percentage," Lamke said.

In the second game against the Gorillas, Jeffries went 2-for-3 and scored a run. Pittsburg State led 4-2 going into the bottom of the sixth inning. Jeffries singled with one out and junior outfielder Guy Berkenpas was hit by a pitch, sending Jeffries to second.

After Gorilla pitcher Tom Moody relieved starter Kyle Bailey, a wild pitch to sophomore catcher Brian Davis allowed the runners to advance to second and third. Davis singled, scoring Jeffries and moving Berkenpas to third. Moody attempted to pick off Berkenpas, but an error by the third baseman allowed Berkenpas to score and Davis to move to third. Junior outfielder Paul Markovich knocked in the game-winning run when he singled to give the 'Cats a 5-4 win.

Jeffries said good pitching and good defense helped the 'Cats come back in the second game against the Gorillas.

"We got good pitching, good defense and good baserunning and stayed close," Jeffries said. "In fact, it was a running play that won it."

Friday, March 13, was not a lucky day for the 'Cats as they dropped a doubleheader to Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo. In game one, Jeffries was 2-for-3. Five Bearcat pitchers took the mound and allowed a total of 19 hits and 15 runs in the 15-7 loss.

In the nightcap, Barthol was 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. The third inning was the big inning for Southwest Baptist University as they scored seven times in their 9-8 win.

Freshman pitcher John Goecken made his first appearance for the Bearcats, pitching two innings, giving up five earned runs on five hits, while walking two and striking out two.

On Wednesday, March 11, and Thursday, March 12, the Bearcats played four games in Joplin, Mo., with three against Regis College, Colo., and one against Missouri Southern State College.

The Bearcats were defeated in game one 5-2 against Regis. Senior pitcher Jason Swan allowed four runs, three of which were earned, along with six walks and eight strikeouts.

In game two, the 'Cats came back to defeat Regis 4-2, when senior first baseman Troy Larkin belted a homer for the win.

In the game against Missouri Southern, Svehla was 2-for-3 with a solo home run in the losing effort.

## Bearkittens start tennis season hot with 7-1 record

The Bearkitten tennis team started off the season on a strong note by winning their first five matches. The 'Kittens' current overall record is 7-1 and 4-1 against Division I schools.

On March 16, the Bearkittens grabbed their fourth win over a Division I school by defeating Western Illinois 6-3. In the victory the 'Kittens' recorded wins in singles from sophomores Julie Caputo and Kelly Smith, senior Leah Erickson and freshman Lucy Caputo.

"We can win about any match if we play as well as we can," senior Julie Callahan said. "We've beaten some Division I schools that weren't expected to be beaten."

In doubles competition Callahan and Julie Caputo defeated their WIU opponents 7-6, 6-0, while sophomore Erin Schlegel and Smith won 6-2, 6-3.

"The girls have overachieved at this point," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "You know what kind of athletes they are, you just never realize how much of a fighter they are."

Callahan is ranked 33rd overall in the nation.

The Bearkittens were defeated by Creighton 7-2 Saturday, March 14. The only two wins against Creighton were by Nebraska natives, Callahan and Julie Caputo. Callahan defeated Debbie Johnson 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 in No. 1 singles. Julie Caputo won over Val Groves 6-2, 3-6, 7-5. The No. 1 doubles team, Callahan and Julie

Caputo, were defeated by Creighton's Johnson and Schultz 6-2, 6-1.

The Bearkittens turned around and posted a victory over the University of Missouri-Columbia 6-0. Callahan defeated Jenny Clark in No. 1 singles, 6-2, 7-6 along with Julie Caputo defeating Kim Webb 6-2, 6-3 in No. 2 singles. The No. 2 doubles team of D'Ann Kirkpatrick and Lucy Caputo posted a victory over UMC's Sheri Hefel and Erica Schwedt 6-2, 7-5.

On Friday, March 13, the 'Kittens' defeated the University of Missouri-St. Louis 9-0. Callahan defeated Julie Johnson 6-1, 6-0 and Julie Caputo won by forfeit. The 'Kittens' won by forfeit in their No. 1 doubles match against UMSL and Kirkpatrick and Lucy Caputo defeated Johnson and Yvonne Braf 6-2, 6-4.

"This is the closest team I've ever played with," Callahan said. "We are really solid. Everyone is strong in their position and not the same people are winning their matches every time, but as a team we win."

On Thursday, March 12, the 'Kittens' defeated the University of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 6-2. Callahan again posted a victory in the No. 1 singles match against Melissa Bordner, 6-1, 6-0 and Julie Caputo also defeated Beth Barrington in the No. 2 singles 6-1, 6-3.

The 'Kittens' played two matches in Tulsa, Okla., on Monday, March 9.

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## MU Tigers fall victim to Bearcat tennis team

### Bearcats' 6-3 win lifts record to 2-3 overall

By SUSAN LORIMOR  
Missourian Staff

The Bearcat tennis team came back from Spring Break with two wins, one over Graceland College Friday, March 13, and the other over the University of Missouri-Columbia Saturday, March 14.

"We had a good win over Missouri University on Saturday, and a good win against Graceland on Friday," Bearcat head coach Mark Rosewell said.

The Bearcats defeated UMC 6-3, losing only the No. 3 and No. 4 singles matches. Northwest's Vesa Liikanen, sophomore, defeated Rata Chadhuri in three sets, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 in the No. 1 singles match. In the No. 2 singles match, Mark Ardizzone, junior, edged David Leslie 7-6, 5-7, 7-6.

In the doubles matches, Ardizzone and senior Mike Shane defeated UMC's Chadhuri and Bryan Bailey 7-5, 6-2. The No. 2 doubles match was again won by a pair of Bearcats. Liikanen and junior Todd Shane defeated Ryan Tucker and Darrell West 6-1, 6-0.

The 'Cats won 5-4 against Graceland. They lost the No. 1 singles match, as Mike Shane fell to Graceland's Ritush Venugopal due to injury default. The No. 2 singles match was won by Northwest's Liikanen, 6-3, 7-6 over Aultivo Montenegro.

The Bearcats won the No. 2 doubles match, as Ardizzone and Bobo were victorious over Jeremy Denis and John Boudreia 6-3, 7-5. The No. 3 doubles match was also won by the Bearcats, as Carroll and Gump defeated Nelson Miller and Ty Higuchi 6-2, 4-6, 7-6.

On Thursday, March 12, the Bearcats played at Southern Illinois

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Bearcat Jason Swan fires up another pitch against the Pittsburg State University Gorillas Sunday, March 15. The Bearcats swept the doubleheader 3-0 and 5-4. Don Carrick/Photo Director

The Lions put four runs on the board in the first inning and the 'Cats could not come back after that losing 7-4.

Lamke said the team has been struggling because good pitching and good hitting did not come together.

"One day the pitching is there and one day the hitting is there," Lamke said. "The two have yet to come together."

Jeffries said the team did not play well on the road because of a lack of clutch hitting.

"We played defense well over break, but we just didn't get timely

hitting," Jeffries added.

The next home action for the 'Cats is a doubleheader against Augustana College, S.D., at 1 p.m. Friday, March 20, at Bearcat Field. The Bearcats open their MIAA North Division season with two games against the Missouri Western Griffons at noon Saturday, March 21, and one game at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

The first NCAA Division I opponent of the year for Northwest is Iowa State. They will play the Cyclones in Ames, Iowa, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 24.



# Sealy, Karn earn All-American honors at Indoor Nationals

By MARSHA HOFFMAN  
Managing Editor

Two of the four men's track team members who competed at the NCAA Division II Indoor Nationals in Saginaw, Mich., Saturday, March 14, earned All-American honors while a third member just missed being an All-American.

Northwest finished in a tie for 14th place with C.W. Post College in Long Island, N.Y., in team scoring. St. Augustine, Fla., won the meet with 81 points, outdistancing runners-up Abilene Christian and Norfolk State, Va., which each had 24 points.

Senior Terry Karn, who finished second in the high jump at 6 feet, 9 3/4 inches and senior Kenrick Sealy, who finished sixth in the 1,500-meter run in 3 minutes, 56.06 seconds both earned the All-American honors by placing in the top six.

In the 800-meter run, Eric Green

finished seventh at 1:55.07, one place away from All-American.

"I was just pleased I was able to get in," Green, who narrowly missed going to Nationals last year, said. "I have family who live an hour and a half away in Michigan, so my mom saw me run in a meet for the first time in five years. My wife, Julie, also surprised me by flying in for the meet."

Green said his toughest challenge was making the finals in the event on Saturday, when his family would be there to see him.

"I thought it was harder to make it into the finals because I had to make finals for my parents to see me," Green said. "It was worth going up there and I was just happy I was able to go."

Freshman Chris Blondin also ran in the 800 meters, but failed to make the finals. Karn also finished ninth in the long jump with a leap of 22-11.

"We had a good showing up there — with two All-Americans, of course,"

coach Richard Alsup said. "It was a great experience for Chris Blondin as a freshman we were really proud of him. And Eric Green was seventh, just one off from All-American."

Alsup said the team's recent MIAA indoor championship, its first in 10 years, was a group effort as different team members scored for the team.

"Matt Elick came through for us, Grant McCartney did well in the 55-meter dash and Mark Roberts, who qualified provisionally, just missed the national cut," Alsup said.

Although Sealy said he did not meet his goal for finishing in the top three at Nationals, he was still happy

with his performance at the meet.

"I wanted to finish at least in the top three, but Nationals is the type of championship that is unpredictable," he said. "You don't know how you're going to do because the times vary. Some people have better times than you, but you don't let the times affect your performances. I was pretty confident I could get All-American honors."

Now that the indoor season is over, Sealy said he is looking forward to a week off before starting the outdoor season.

"Definitely my goal this year outdoors is to make Nationals," Sealy said. "I came up short last year by a second, and this year I want to go because indoors and outdoors are very different. Before that, I want to be a conference champion again outdoors. I would at least like to win the 1,500 and 5-K outdoors and go from there."

Several women's track team members had provisionally qualified for

Indoor Nationals, but did not make it. They included Tanya Drake in the 55-meter hurdles, Diane Cummings in the high jump and Jennifer Holdiman in the shot put.

The outdoor season kicks off for both the men's and women's teams Saturday, March 21, at the Pittsburg State Open in Pittsburg, Kan.

If the weather is good, the women's team should do well at Pittsburg, coach Charlene Cline said.

"I expect my kids to do well if it's not windy and not real cold," Cline said. "They had a week of Spring Break to rest and they've started out real hard."

Cline also said the shot putters and

jumpers could do better in the high jump outdoors than indoors if the weather is not bad. She also said the races will be different from indoors. For example, the hurdles will be longer in distance, and the throwers will also be competing in javelin and discus, two outdoor-only events.

"The performances should be good if it's a decent day at all," Cline said. "They've picked right up from where they were at indoor conference, where they did well."

Alsup said the team's outdoor strengths will include the throwing events as well as distance running events. He said the addition of outdoor events such as the javelin and steeplechase should help the team.

According to Alsup, three football players, and possibly a fourth, will pull double duty by competing in track this spring. Jason Horn, Cody Burhmeister and Reggie St. Romain will compete, and Alsup said Jason Krone may also join the team.



Kenrick Sealy



Terry Karn

## Will they or won't they play again?



KELLEY VANGUNDY

This year has been an oddity, losing three major sports figures who were in the prime of their athletic careers.

Will we or won't we see Bo Jackson, Magic Johnson or Mike Tyson again on the field, on the court or in the ring doing what they did best?

The athlete you have to have the most sympathy for is Bo. He, out of the three, was the only one who didn't play a significant factor in choosing his fate.

And what is even sadder is that out of the three, Bo is probably the least likely to be seen actively participating in his areas of expertise, baseball and football, again.

It is a shame that such a "superman" had such a short-lived career. This isn't the first time something like this has happened and I'm sure it won't be the last. Great athletes like Roberto Clemente and Lou Gehrig were stopped short in their exceptional careers as well, just to name two.

But it is good that Bo said no and decided to go with the hip replacements. Bo knows best and best is being able to walk. Fans may feel cheated, but Bo has more important responsibilities than us, like his family.

As for Tyson and Magic, I still think that we will be seeing them around, just not as much as we should have or would have liked to.

Magic will be competing in the Summer Olympics and I'll predict that if his health permits he may be back later in a Laker uniform and play occasionally. And even if he doesn't play, we are sure to see him on the sidelines either coaching or announcing.

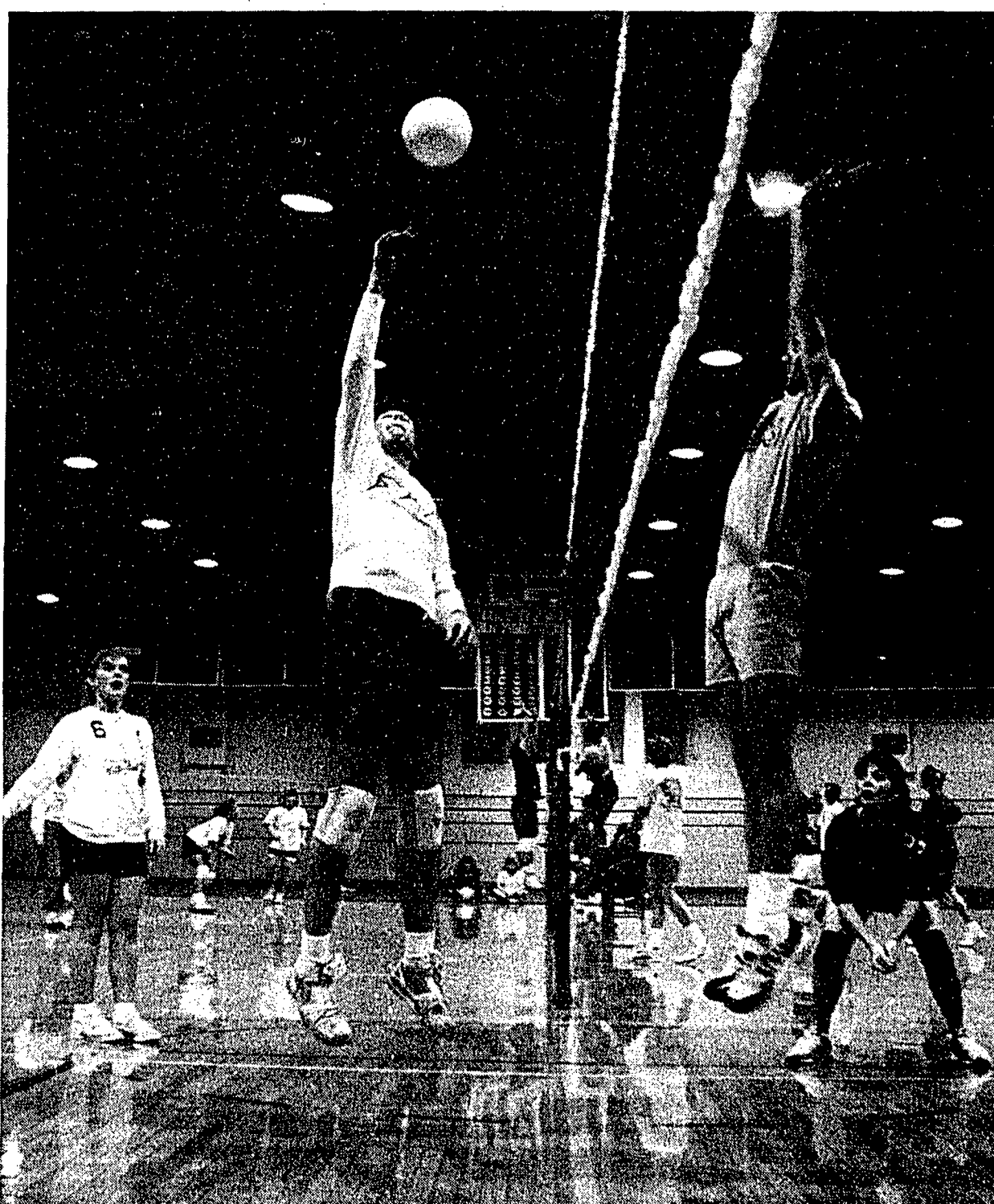
"Iron Mike" probably won't see too much time behind iron bars, so I don't see any reason why he won't be back in the ring. Even if he would have to serve five years he'd still only be 30 years old when he is released. Thirty years old is not an elderly age for a boxer. A prime example is 42-year-old George Foreman.

Maybe in the next few years Tyson will mature enough to use his abilities to their maximum benefits. But then again, the prison system may harden him too much. Let's hope not.

Who will be missed the most can be argued by all. Personally, I will miss Bo the most, probably because I feel he was cheated the most. But then again, what happened to Magic could have happened to a lot of athletes. That's the risk you take when you "play with fire."

Others will say Tyson will be missed the most due to the fact the other two were members of a team and Tyson alone won the heavyweight title.

They will all be missed by many, but maybe not all of them for long. Magic and Bo have both hinted at comebacks and I'm sure they will make strong efforts. As for Tyson, I doubt he will sit idle very long, or at least not any longer than he has to.



Jeff Martin jumps for a spike in intramural four-on-four volleyball action Tuesday, March 17. The tournament winners can earn a trip to regional play in Austin, Texas. Don Carrick/Photo Director

## 36 teams compete in volleyball tourney

By TERESA HOBBS  
Assistant Editor

Certs and Trident are sponsoring an intramural four-on-four volleyball tournament that began Monday, March 16, in Lamkin Gym.

A total of 36 co-recreational teams are participating. The teams are playing a round robin with single elimination beginning Tuesday, March 24. Teams that have a 2-1 or 3-0 record will advance to the tournament.

"There are a group of us who play volleyball at home and on the weekends, so we thought we would play here," freshman Michele Day said.

The tournament is all self-officiating.

"It is alright as long as everyone is

fair about the calls," junior Rob Greenwalt said. "If the ref isn't there then it is up to you."

The winning team can go on to regional play in Austin, Texas. The University of Texas will hold the national four-on-four volleyball tournament. The event will then become extra-curricular. Students who would participate in the regional tournament would have to pay for their own way.

Intramurals also sponsored a bench press contest at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the Varsity Weightroom. The bench pressers were given three attempts to reach maximum weight.

"Last year we had quite a few people show up, about 100," Bob Lade, coordinator of Campus Recreation, said. "There was about a half-

dozen of women and 90 men."

The top team results in the fraternity competition were: Tau Kappa Epsilon, first; Delta Chi, second; and Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Tau Gamma tied for third. The top sorority placings were Phi Mu, first; Alpha Sigma Alpha, second; and Delta Zeta, third. Ken Onaguluchi and Angie Cummings won the men's and women's independent divisions, respectively.

Winners for each weight class are as follows: 150 lbs., Traci Larson, Phi Mu; 170 lbs., Dallas Sudmann, Tau Kappa Epsilon; 190 lbs., Brough Pickrell, Phi Sigma Kappa; 210 lbs., Michael James, Delta Chi; and unlimited division, Darrin Auxier, Tau Kappa Epsilon.

## 'Cat Tennis

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University-Edwardsville. The 'Cats won only one match, at No. 2 doubles. Liikanen and Shane defeated Niza Simunoyla and Adam Cohen 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

The 'Cats took a fall in their next match-up, losing 0-6 against Oral Roberts University.

"We're usually off to a good start every year, but I don't like comparing years, because we've had some good teams here, and it's not fair to put that kind of pressure on them (the current team)," Rosewell said.

Northwest's Mike Shane fell to Franklin Demonteverde 6-0, 6-4. Demonteverde, Central Oklahoma's No. 1 singles player, was ranked third in the NCAA Division II preseason

rankings.

Demonteverde and Mick Evans made up Central Oklahoma's No. 1 doubles team, also ranked seventh in Division II, which defeated Northwest's team of Mike Shane and Ardizzone 7-6, 4-6, 6-2.

Rosewell said he has a goal for the 1992 Bearcat tennis team — one that may not be too far out of reach.

"We'd like to try to be in the top 20, which we have been three out of the last four years," Rosewell said.

Adam Carroll, sophomore, said he thinks the Bearcats could finish first or second place in the conference.

"I think we'll do better than everybody expected," Carroll said. "People have underestimated us."

The upcoming week includes five

matches for the 'Cats, including four home matches. On Friday, March 20, Northwest will play the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

On Saturday, March 21, the 'Cats play St. Louis University and Bethany College. Then on Monday, March 23, they play Nebraska Wesleyan. The 'Cats will also be playing at Iowa State in Ames on Wednesday, March 25.

Carroll said he is looking forward to the 'Cats' match with NCAA Division I UN-K, and added the team has built up a lot of confidence.

"We're playing a lot better," Carroll said. "I think we have a good chance of winning."

The Bearcats have missed four matches due to weather conditions, most of which should be rescheduled.

## Softball to take on Winona State

The Bearkittens will face two opponents they have never played before to open the softball season Saturday, March 21, and Sunday, March 22, at Beal Park at Seventh and Depot streets in Maryville. Both matchups will be doubleheaders.

The 'Kittens will face Winona State University at 1 p.m. March 21. Winona, which has a newly-formed program, will be playing their first game ever as a university team.

"We've never played Winona before," senior Sandy Schiager said. "However, I think that as long as we keep our enthusiasm up we shouldn't have any problems."

At 2 p.m. March 22, the 'Kittens will face Bemidji State, and the players said they are also looking forward to this game.

"These will be our first games of the season and I think that we're all looking forward to getting some

games in before the conference games," senior Tracy Beatty said.

Head coach Gayla Eckhoff said although the Bearkittens have never played either opponent, Bemidji is known to have a good women's athletic program in general and that it should be a good game.

"It's really rare not to find a good team around these days," Eckhoff said.

Eckhoff and the players said they would also like to see some people at the game to help and cheer them on to victory to prepare them for the rest of the season.

"I think that we've worked long and hard and will have a good season," senior Shannon Tanner said.

The 'Kittens will also be playing Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, March 25, and will then head to St. Joseph for the MIAA North Division Round Robin March 27-28.

## 'Kitten Tennis

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They defeated Oral Roberts in the first match, 6-3. Callahan defeated Tracy Peters in the No. 1 singles 6-3, 6-0. The No. 1 doubles team of Callahan and Julie Caputo were not able to post a victory over Nicole Ledges and Melissa Whibley. They were defeated 6-1, 7-5.

The 'Kittens then turned around to post another victory against Tulsa University, 7-2. Kim Rogers defeated Callahan in No. 1 singles 7-5, 6-1. In No. 2 singles, Julie Caputo defeated Kelly Ward 0-6, 6-0, 6-0.

Callahan and Julie Caputo defeated Rogers and Kim Ward in the No. 1 doubles 6-2, 6-1 while Kirkpatrick and Lucy Caputo defeated Heather Britt and Jennifer Wilkins in No. 2 doubles 6-4, 6-2.

On March 8, the 'Kittens began their winning streak by defeating Central Oklahoma, 5-4.

Callahan began this season by upsetting No. 1 singles player Amy Cohlma who was ranked 14th in NCAA II preseason rankings by defeating her in straight sets 6-3, 6-2.

Laura Puryear defeated Julie Caputo 6-4, 6-3 in No. 2 singles. Cohlma and Nicole Chappela defeated the No. 1 doubles team of Callahan and Julie Caputo 6-4, 6-4. Leslie Pulliam and Puryear defeated Kirkpatrick and Lucy Caputo in No. 2 doubles 6-2, 6-1.

The next four matches for the 'Kittens will be in Maryville at the Frank Grube Courts, the first will be against Southwest Minnesota at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

Rosewell said the match between the 'Kittens and Southwest Minnesota should be a good match-up.

"Southwest Minnesota is a good team. They are ranked in the top 20 of the NIAA."

The practices and the assistant coaches, Lalo De Anda and Rob Veasey, have helped the girls reach their high setting goals.

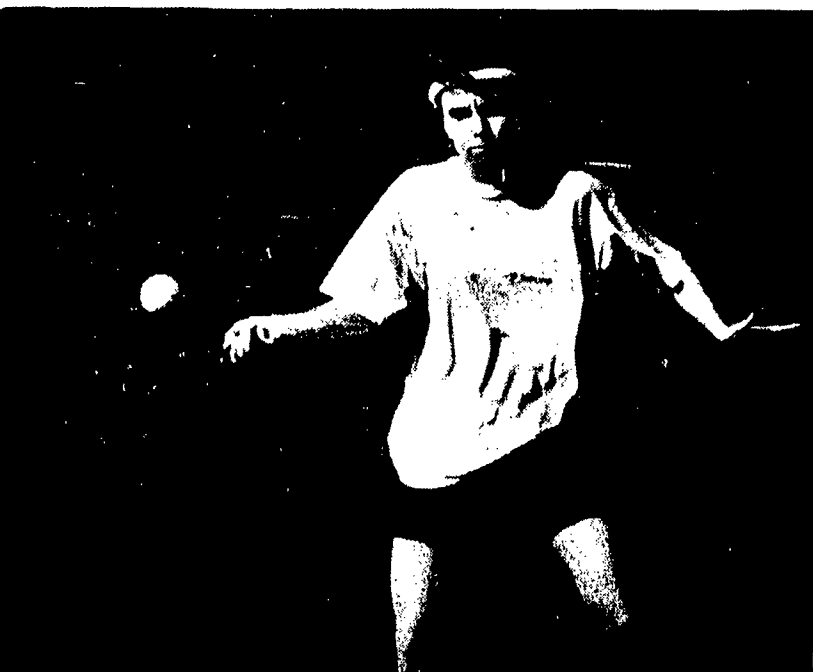
"They're doing really well," Lucy Caputo said. "We've had pretty intense practices and they walk from court to court helping us with our strokes. They always have a new drill for us to try which helps us to improve on our foot work and mental aspect."

Determination is one key to the victorious season according to Callahan.

"No matter what happens we stand by each other and give it our all."

On Friday, March 20, the Bearkittens will face the University of Nebraska-Kearney at 3 p.m. and will meet St. Louis University at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 21.

The final home match of the stint will be on Monday, March 23, where the 'Kittens will face Nebraska Wesleyan at 3 p.m. They will then go to Ames, Iowa, to take on Iowa State on Wednesday, March 25.



Julie Callahan returns a serve during her doubles match against Creighton University Monday, March 16. Callahan and her partner Julie Caputo lost 6-2, 6-1. Don Carrick/Photo Director





Senior Dan Miller takes to the streets as he rides his unicycle around campus. Beginning his hobby eight years ago, Miller has gone through two unicycles. Jon Britton/Assistant Photo Director.

# UP ON 1 WHEEL

by Anne Larson

Whoever said two wheels are better than one? In the case of senior Dan Miller, one wheel suits him just fine. He prefers to view the world from on top of his unicycle.

Riding the unicycle became a hobby eight years ago for Miller when he noticed one sitting in his neighbor's garage.

After seeing it, he became curious and thought it was very intriguing, so his neighbor decided to teach him how to ride it.

"I began to get a lot of bumps, bruises and scrapes when first trying to learn how to ride the bike," Miller said.

Miller did small chores around his neighbor's house and yard, and received the unicycle as payment instead of money.

"I received the bike under one condition from my neighbor—I had to learn how to ride it," Miller said.

Learning how to ride a unicycle requires patience and commitment. Balancing oneself on one wheel takes a lot of concentration.

Miller said he has tried to teach friends and family to ride the bike, but no one really has had the patience to continue to learn. He said usually everyone is afraid of unicycles.

"My mom and dad love the fact that I learned to ride it. When they tried it, in fact when my whole family did, there was a lot of falling down in the learning process," Miller said.

Now, after riding the bike for eight years, the standard comment Miller

**"Half the people think I'm strange, according to the looks on their faces, and the other half think it is the greatest thing they have ever seen."**

Dan Miller  
unicyclist

gets from friends and others is he makes it look easy.

Miller decided to take a break from his unicycle and a year later he eventually chose to climb back on the seat. He said he was able to jump right back on it and start pedaling away.

"Once you learn to ride it you never forget," Miller said. "It's like the saying 'once you learn to ride a bike you just never seem to forget.'"

Miller can be seen riding his unicycle to the Fitness Center, but said he hasn't had the nerve to ride it to any classes yet.

Attention is one thing that comes with riding around campus on one wheel. People usually have mixed reactions when they see him coming, according to Miller.

"Half the people think I'm strange, according to the looks on their faces, and the other half think it is the greatest thing they have ever seen," Miller said.

The first bike which started this hobby for Miller has long since been put to rest. Miller now owns a brand new bike.

"The first bike I had looks like it has been hit by a Mack truck. I got a lot of use out of it," Miller said.

This rare hobby of riding the unicycle seems to be an individual one on this campus, according to Miller.

"I am the only one who has this type of hobby. It would be nice if I had someone else to ride with, though," Miller said.

In the future, the unicycle will be a continuous hobby for Miller, but now he has set his sights on a different style of unicycle. After his family sent him a newspaper clipping from his home town of Davenport, Iowa, Miller opened a new chapter in his unicycle hobby.

"My dad sent me an article of a boy from back home who was riding a unicycle that was 9 feet tall. It is called a 'Giraffe' and I thought if this boy can ride one so can I," Miller said.

The "Giraffe" bike is the next challenge for Miller to accomplish.

Being a senior at Northwest, Miller will soon be heading out into the real world along with the other graduates, but he will be doing it on one wheel.

## Keeping in touch turns expensive

by JENIFER GATHERCOLE  
Missourian Staff

It's the moment of truth many students dread as they open the envelope that may determine the fate of their finances for the month ahead. As they slip the bill out, they wonder why the desire to 'reach out and touch someone' is so costly. And as they write out the check they often promise themselves to do better next month.

Long distance phone bills can be a burden to college students who want to speak regularly with family and friends, but do not have the finances to support this desire. Calling often turns into a limited activity in order to save money.

"I consistently have high phone bills, and most of them are to my boyfriend and parents who live in New York," freshman Judy Stark said. "I think my highest bill was \$271.68. The school cuts me off about every three weeks because my bills get too big, and sometimes it's more often than that."

Many students have found their phone bills to be regularly high, although they take measures to keep them low.

"I usually have high phone bills

because I have friends that are at home and at different universities than me," sophomore Michelle Johnigan said. "I try to call when the rates will be lower, but I think Northwest charges too much for in-state calls. My highest bill has been \$226."

Denial is one way students deal with their phone bills.

"When I'm going to make a phone call, I try not to think about how much it is going to cost," Stark said. "I can think about the price, but it's not going to make a difference. I'm going to make the calls anyway, but I think the rates are too high."

For some, thinking about phone bills can be a reminder to limit their calls.

"I think about my phone bills quite a bit," senior Joni Wildner said. "It keeps me from calling quite as often and I also try to be careful not to go over my \$100 limit so the school doesn't cut me off."

Phone bills are paid for in many ways by students. Some work and others take the money from savings accounts.

"I work to help pay for my bills," Johnigan said. "Last year was easier because it was my first year and everyone was sending me money, but

this year I'm kind of paying my own way."

Paying bills as they get larger is often a popular way to take care of phone charges.

"I watch the computer to see how high they are getting," Stark said. "When they start to get too high I go over and pay them so I won't get cut off. Then I just keep paying on the bill until it's all paid off. I guess you could say I'm on the installment plan."

Students have tried to devise ways to keep their long-distance tolls down, and sometimes it works.

"My boyfriend has phone bills that are as high as mine," Stark said. "We started out limiting our phone calls to half an hour every other night, but then it turned into 45 minutes and then two hours. Now we split up the times. We call for 15 minutes in the afternoon and for 15 minutes at night."

Other students find they must discipline themselves in order to keep the bills low.

"I got my authorization code deactivated last semester so I couldn't call so much," Johnigan said. "The first part of this year I didn't make any calls and it helped a lot. Now it's turned back on and the bills are adding up again."

Parents may be another influence in the attempt to keep bills low, but some students don't worry about it much.

"I don't try to hide my phone bills from my parents," Stark said. "When I came to school here they knew my bills would be high, so there's really no sense in hiding them."

Other students simply do not share their phone bills with their parents.

"My parents never see my phone bills," Wildner said. "I am responsible for them, and I never want my parents to see my phone bills."

One complaint students living on campus have with their phone bills is the high rates charged by Northwest's services. Students say the rates are not as low as they could be if the school used a standard long-distance service, such as AT&T.

"I am not satisfied with the long-distance services at Northwest," Stark said. "The prices are way too high. The service isn't bad but the prices are not average rates. I'm paying about the same amount to call my boyfriend in New York in the afternoon as I'm paying to call at 3 a.m. There's only about a 15 to 25 cent price reduction and that's too much money to pay."

Students also get upset when the



To keep in touch with friends and family, sophomore Lydia Irwin takes a full advantage of precious time on the phone. High phone bills are a common problem among college students. Jon Britton/Assistant Photo Director

University makes mistakes with their billing.

"Sometimes I get my bill and it doesn't match up with what the computer says," Wildner said. "It's also really annoying when you aren't over your limit or you've paid your bill and they cut you off anyway."

Although students hate to admit it, large phone bills are something they might have to deal with far into the future. No matter how they look at

it, phone calls are an important part of students' lives and are the best way to keep in touch with friends and family. Sometimes it's more important to keep in contact with loved ones than it is to worry about cost.

"My phone calls are very important to me," Wildner said. "My boyfriend is in the Navy and I never get to see him. I miss him a lot and if I can't see him, the least I can do is talk to him, even if it is expensive."

## From Left Field



DON CARRICK

Now that everyone has had a few days to rest up from what I hope was a rejuvenating and regenerating break, I figured it was time for me to share my experiences of what happened to me over my brief respite from daily academia.

I thought it was going to be a good week. I had nothing lined up to do — no homework, no doctor's appointments, no urgent business matters, no invitations to visit members of the royal family, in short, nothing to do and a lot of time to do it in. It sounded like a perfect time to eat mass quantities of sweetened dry cereals and catch up on missed or forgotten episodes of "Gilligan's Island." All this

## Radioactive Aunt Edna confused with budget cuts

changed with the ringing of the phone on Sunday evening.

"Hello, is this the Carrick residence?" the voice on the other end of the phone asked.

"Yes," I answered, "This is Don, can I help you?"

"Do you know an Edna Crabadellia?"

"Aunt Edna? Is that you?"

"Is it? I'm not sure."

"Well," I said, "Are you Edna Crabadellia?"

"Wait a moment, let me look." I could hear her going through her purse, obviously searching for her driver's license.

"Oh yes, here it is. Why, yes, young man I am Edna Crabadellia! Thank you for reminding me! Now, who are you?"

"Aunt Edna, this is Don."

"Oh Don, how good to hear from you! Why are you calling me?"

"Aunt Edna, you called me."

"Oh my I did, didn't I! I called for some reason, now what was it?"

You could almost hear the breeze blowing through Aunt Edna's ears and into the phone receiver, which she was holding upside down.

"Oh, now I remember! I need you to come over and paint my living room this week. Would that be possible?"

I had to think quickly to get out of this one.

"Aunt Edna, I'd love to come over and paint for you," I said. "But aliens landed here in Maryville and I've already promised the local VFW Post I would help them push back the martian horde. Sorry."

"Oh, that's too bad. You'd think your mother would have the common decency to tell a body when martians had invaded. I mean, she could have slipped it into the conversation yesterday when I called to ask her about your painting the house."

I was busted. Now I had to paint Aunt Edna's living room. If my mom heard the story I had just told Edna, I was as good as dead. I showed up at Edna's the next day.

"Don!" she said as she answered the door. "It's so good to see you! What are you doing here?"

"Aunt Edna, you asked me to come over. What experiments has the government been doing to you now?" I asked.

"Lately they've been having me eat radioactive waste," she said, with a glazed look in her eye. "What's this I was reading in the newspaper about your college?"

"You mean the budget cuts?" I said, laying out a tarp and getting the paint ready. "It's a pretty bad situation."

"I'll say, you kids grew up watching color movies. I guess you'll just have to learn to live without it now."

"Aunt Edna, what are you talking about?"

"Why technicolor, dear. Aren't they taking away all your technicolor?"

"No Edna, technology. They're phasing out the technology department."

"Well how are you going to call people?"

"What?"

"You won't have any telephones."

"Not telephones, Aunt Edna, technology."

"What?"

"Technology, Edna, the word is technology."

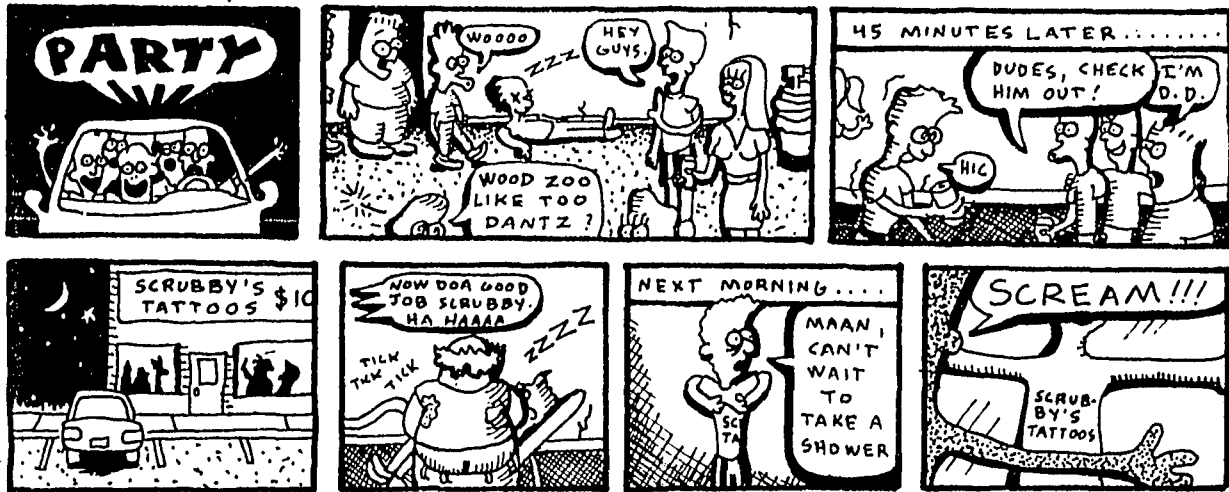
"Oh, I guess you don't need many typewriters on an electronic campus. It was probably a wise decision to cut them. Just think of all the money the University will save on ribbons."

"Yeah, it'll be great," I said, exasperated. "Well, how does the paint look?"

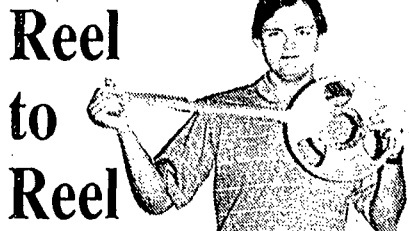
"Wonderful Don, just wonderful. I like it better already. Thank you so much."

I hadn't put a drop of paint on the wall, but it didn't matter. In Aunt Edna's world, her living room was a lovely lime green (her color choice, not mine) and everything was fine at Northwest Missouri State University because someone decided we didn't need any more typewriters.

## Spike Toon



### Actors can't save lackluster 'Article 99'



DON MUNSCH

"Article 99" opens with a man entering a veterans hospital attempting to get coverage for a heart problem. It doesn't take a viewer long to realize his problem will be used as a plot device throughout the story, simply because he is not a marquee name. That in itself is the main problem with "Article 99," which is a shallow, manipulative look at the on-going problems facing hospitals today.

Perhaps the script should have used one of its main stars - Ray Liotta, Kiefer Sutherland, Lea Thompson, Forrest Whitaker - as the character facing a corrupt bureaucracy that is inherent in our hospitals.

But no. Filmed in Kansas City at St. Mary's Hospital, "Article 99" is the "General Hospital" of serious drama concerning poor medical care at our national veterans hospitals.

A simplistic approach is utilized: It wants its characters to be heroes fighting for what's right against an administration that cares more about the bottom line than it does caring for patients. That's a pretty good premise

to build your movie on; unfortunately, "Article 99" doesn't strive for meaty drama. This is pure melodrama, no ifs, ands or buts about it. If a film doesn't take its message seriously, how can the audience?

A quick illustration: Liotta plays an idealistic doctor who has the guts for a no-nonsense psychologist (Kathy Baker) working in the same hospital. We can guess they will get romantically involved with each other from the start - simply apply the Law of the Economy Characters, which says that no character is written into a movie unless they will move the plot along.

In this film, Baker has a quickie with Liotta in her office, and that is her primary function. It's pretty crass, not to mention sexist, to treat a female doctor that way, but then it's just one indication of how cynical the film is.

At any rate, Liotta heads a group of doctors who are fighting against an evil hospital administration that has cut treatments and supplies due to lack of funds and government cutbacks. He and his cohorts even resort to stealing supplies from the hospital storeroom to help take care of their patients. This is a grim situation to be involved in, and it's something anyone should be able to identify with.

The administration here is headed by John Mahoney, a man who has made an acting career out of playing deeply flawed, but interesting men in good films such as "Moonstruck,"

"Betrayed," "Say Anything..." and "Suspect." But here in this film he spins his wheels, simply because the script wants him to be the malevolent bad guy and he is nothing else. This is where I started to have more problems with the film.

Why not let him be complicated? Why not let him give a deeper explanation as to why the hospital has fiscal problems? How could a hospital operate this poorly? Didn't the filmmakers know the problems at this hospital are more complex? Wouldn't it be more compelling to explicate why he has to do the things he is required to do?

The answers to these questions are basic, but the movie's tone and attitude toward them are simple-minded and ridiculous. I wished there had been a more determined effort to discover why there was a big problem in the medical care at this hospital.

Performances might have saved "Article 99," but they lack intensity. Watching this ensemble is like watching a bunch of aging soap stars, which is shocking since they are all good actors, especially Liotta, who gave one of the best performances in recent years in 1990's "Good Fellas."

But he and the rest of the cast are only fooling themselves if they think we can buy any of this pabulum.

Oh well, at least the guy with the heart defect got his operation.

"Article 99" rating: ★★

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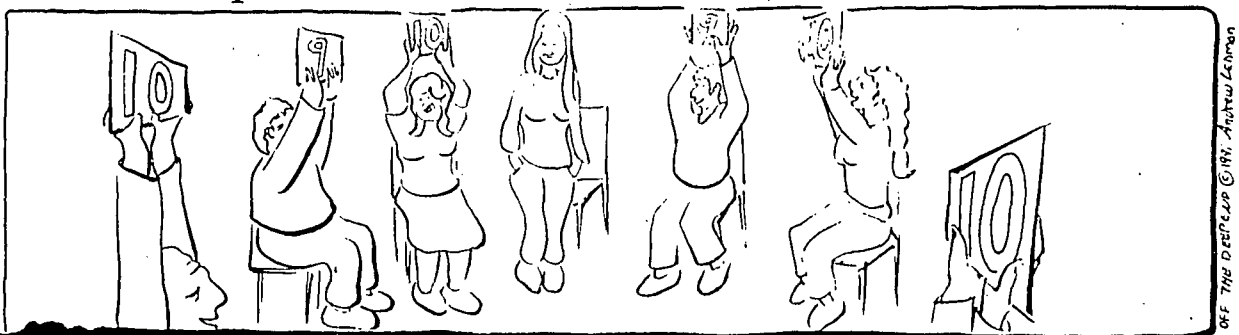
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